Dear FCC,I passed my 5 wpm code test 15 years ago and have been highly involved in

amateur radio every since. The code had nothing to do with my continued interest in radio or community service of any kind. In most cases people learn the code to "pass the test" and that's it. Most never use the code again and therefore it was a waste of time for them. Whether or not you know the code, has nothing to do with the quality of operator you are. Some of the most involved operators in our area are no-code operators. All we manage to accomplish with the code requirement is to limit the number of amateur operators, and this is counter-productive to our community service requirements. Go ahead and retain the CW portion of the bands for those operators who know and use CW for traffic handling, contesting, or general chitchat. However, eliminate the CW requirement for the rest of the HF frequencies so amateur radio can move forward as a hobby and a service to all.

Thank You, Jeff